

Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of the "Great American Meatout"

WHEREAS, the Great American Meatout was launched in 1985 to promote a wholesome diet of vegetables fresh fruits, and whole grains to reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and other chronic diseases which affect 1.3 million Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Meatout raises awareness about such a diet helping to preserve topsoil, water energy, and other essential food production resources; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Meatout educate citizens about such a diet preserving forest, grasslands, and other wildlife habitats and reducing pollution of our waterways by crop debris, manure, and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Meatout promotes the prevention of the suffering and death of ten billion sentient animals each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Meatout is supported by Hawai'i Meatout volunteers to encourage the people of the Aloha State to explore a meat-free diet;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2011, as

"GREAT AMERICAN MEATOUT DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage our citizens to explore a wholesome diet of vegetables, fresh fruits, and whole grains.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i